

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
transmitting a decoder core to be used with a predefined content decoder, the decoder core comprising instructions for causing the predefined content decoder to decrypt an encrypted version of digital content.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a request to access digital content, wherein the transmitting comprises transmitting in response to the request.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising generating the decoder core in response to the request.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the decoder core further comprises information corresponding to the request.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the information comprises a serial number for a session.
6. The method of claim 4, wherein the information comprises timing information.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the decoder core

further comprises a decryption key.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the decoder core further comprises obfuscated software.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the obfuscated software comprises content-specific obfuscated software.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the content-specific obfuscated software corresponds to a content-specific encryption algorithm, the method further comprising:

encrypting the requested digital content using the content-specific encryption algorithm; and

delivering the encrypted digital content.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein the content-specific obfuscated software includes hashed portions of the digital content.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the predefined content decoder comprises a previously delivered media player.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the previously

delivered media player comprises a satellite transmission receiving device, and wherein the transmitting a decoder core comprises transmitting the decoder core along with the encrypted version of the digital content from a satellite.

14. A method comprising:

receiving a decoder core comprising instructions for decrypting encrypted digital content; and

using the decoder core with a previously acquired content decoder to access the encrypted digital content.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein receiving a decoder core comprises receiving the encrypted digital content and the decoder core together.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein receiving the encrypted digital content and the decoder core together comprises receiving the encrypted digital content and the decoder core over a unidirectional network.

17. The method of claim 14, further comprising receiving the encrypted digital content separate from the decoder core.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein receiving the

encrypted digital content comprises receiving the encrypted digital content on an optical disc, and the previously acquired content decoder comprises an optical disc playing device.

19. The method of claim 14, further comprising re-encrypting the digital content using an intra-home content protection scheme.

20. The method of claim 14, wherein receiving a decoder core comprises receiving the decoder core over a network in response to a request for access to the digital content, and wherein the decoder core further comprises information corresponding to the request.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the information comprises a serial number and timing information, the method further comprising:

requesting a signed time check from a server;
comparing the signed time check with the timing information; and

preventing access to the encrypted digital content if the signed time check does not match the timing information within a predetermined time difference.

22. The method of claim 14, wherein the decoder core further comprises obfuscated software.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the obfuscated software comprises software that has been obfuscated with respect to the digital content.

24. A machine-readable medium embodying information indicative of instructions for causing one or more machines to perform operations comprising:

defining an interface between a presentation portion and a decryption portion of a digital content player;

identifying a decoder core that uses the interface to effect the decryption portion of the digital content player; and

using the decoder core with the digital content player to access encrypted digital content.

25. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein defining an interface comprises establishing a public interface for a procedure in a class.

26. The machine-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the interface comprise a dynamic interface in which a portion of the interface is definable by the identified

decoder core.

27. A content decoder comprising:

a module defining an interface between the content decoder and a mutable decoder core comprising instructions for causing the content decoder to decrypt encrypted media.

28. The content decoder of claim 27, wherein the interface comprises input and output format information for a decryption procedure to be defined by the mutable decoder core.

29. A system for facilitating secure delivery of digital content, the system comprising:

means for transmitting in response to a request,
software plug-in means for decrypting digital content; and
means for receiving the software plug-in means and for presenting the digital content using the software plug-in means.

30. The system of claim 29, further comprising means for generating the software plug-in means in response to the request.